

## **Presbytery Meeting Summary January 28, 2023 Stated Meeting**

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held its stated meeting at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, January 28, 2023, using a Hybrid format, in-person (*with lunch*) and via Zoom. The Moderator was Elder Carolyn Paulsen, Vice-Moderator Rev. Jamie Fowler; the meeting was hosted by Concord Presbyterian Church, Baden, where the Rev. Fowler serves as Pastor.

**OPENING WORSHIP:** The meeting opened with the annual recognition of Minister, Elders, Deacons, and Trustees who had passed away and entered the *Church Triumphant* in 2022.

The Presbytery also recognized and honored the nearly 200-year ministry of Calvary Church, Beaver Falls, as it concluded and closed its ministry.

### **ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PRESBYTERY:**

- Received the Report of the Coordinating Team Minutes, December 7, 2022
- Received Presbytery Meeting Minutes, November 15, 2022
- Received Stated Clerk Report, December 2022
- Received Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss, November 2022
- Received the Final Report from the *Special Administrative Review Committee* (formed after a 2021 Remedial Case involving the Refreshing Springs (PCUSA) Congregation.)

### **MINISTRY & VOCATION:**

- Received Rev. Dr. David S. Oyler, Jr. (H.R.) as a minister member of the Presbytery
- Examined and approved Elder Kerry Dowdy (East Butler) to move from Inquirer to Candidate Phase for Ordination
- Examined and approved Lauren March for Ordination as Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Evans City. After her ordination by the Presbytery of Mackinac, Rev. March will be installed at a later date

### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS FROM MVC:**

- Dismissed Rev. Dennis Burnett (H.R.) to the Presbytery of Shenandoah with our blessing
- Approved waivers for terms of service for:
  - First Presbyterian Church, Beaver Falls – one year each for Deacon and Elder
  - Mt. Pleasant Church, Darlington – one year for Elder
- Approved a half-time contract between Rev. Dr. Jon Nelson and Plains Church, Cranberry Twp. (Rev. Nelson remains half-time at Park Church, Zelienople)
- Removed Tim Rausch from Inquirer Roll, at his request
- Removed Rev. Marty Sweeney from the active ministers roll with his consent
- Approved transitional pastor contract between Ohio UPC, Aliquippa, and Rev. Robert Goossen, effective February 1, 2023

### **225<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2022) AMENDMENTS TO THE *BOOK OF ORDER*:**

Thirty-three Amendments to the *Book of Order* were considered and voted upon by the Presbyters. The various Amendments had been assigned to four Committees for recommendation (*Approve or Disapprove*).

The recommendations for *twenty-six Amendments* were approved as part of a separate Consent Agenda. *Eight Amendments* were pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion and voting by the body. The recommendations were PASSED for six Amendments; recommendations for two Amendments FAILED. (Details may be obtained from Rev. Randall Clow, Stated Clerk.)

All one hundred sixty-six Presbyteries are now voting on the Amendments. Presbyteries must submit their votes by July 9, 2023. Results will be announced at a future Presbytery meeting. Approved Amendments will be added to the *Book of Order*.

#### **NOMINATING & REPRESENTATION:**

The Presbytery elected:

- Rev. Todd Allen (Park, Beaver) to Mission & Compassion, Class of 2023
- Elder Tim Casey (Mt. Pleasant, Darlington) to Mission & Compassion, Class of 2025

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Elders and Deacons are encouraged to sign up for a Training Event, Sunday, March 19, at Cranberry Church, Cranberry. Information is available on the Presbytery website.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 6:00 P.M, Park Presbyterian Church, Beaver, “hybrid” format – In-person and Zoom.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION:**

- There were a total of 124 participants at the meeting:
  - 33 Teaching Elders
  - 37 Ruling Elders from 28 Churches
  - 1 Corresponding Member
  - 4 Ruling Elders who are officers, CT, or Chair of a Committee or Unit
  - 49 Visitors (including Memorial Service)